Alumnae of Color Committee (AOCC)
Board of Governors Report
December 11, 2019

The Alumnae of Color Committee (AOCC) is pleased to share the following about committee activities since the November BOG meeting:

- AOCC Committee met on November 14 in RAH. Approximately 10 members attended.

- Lynette Castille-Hall reported that an email blast in October brought in $5,400 for the Alumnae Of Color Scholarship in Honor of President Alecia DeCoudreaux, bringing the endowment to over $140,000. A similar appeal has been sent to a smaller group of alumnae encouraging donations that will help the endowment reach $150,000 by 12/31/19.

- Estrellita Hudson Redus and Micheline Beam, members of the college's Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Committee reported that the EISJ committee organized a series of workshops on diversity and inclusion that have been presented during the Fall semester. They have been fairly well attended.

- Students interviewed several AOCC members about the founding of the Ethnic Studies Department in 1969.

- The annual Holiday Dinner potluck was held on November 9 in the Faculty Lounge. AOCC members brought plenty of delicious dishes, but the number of students who came was low. The AOCC members recommended assessing the level of interest in this alumnae opportunity to connect with students and following up with campus administrators to increase awareness about/interest in the dinner.

- Committee members assisted the Mills College Black Faculty and Staff Association in having a Kwanzaa celebration on December 9.

- Committee members are participating in planning Black History month activities in February, 2020.

- The AOCC annual fundraiser for the scholarship in honor of President Alecia DeCoudreaux will be on Friday, February 28, 2020 in Lisser Hall. The featured artist will be Kev Choice, an Oakland-based classically trained pianist/songwriter/rapper whose musical talents range from gospel to hip-hop to jazz.

- Planning is underway for the Phenomenal Women of Color Celebration next spring.